PROJECT INFORMATION

April 7, 2010



Welcome! The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) District 1 welcomes you to this Public Information Meeting for the proposed improvements of the Interstate 55 at Weber Rd. interchange. The project limits extend from 119th St. to 135th St. along Weber Rd. and ½ mile east and west of Weber Rd. along I-55.

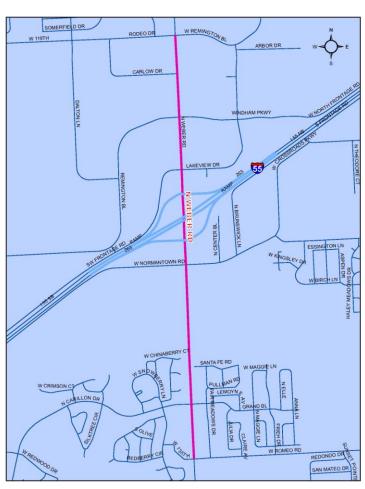
We invite you to browse the project exhibits on display and visit with personnel from IDOT and their consultants in attendance at today's meeting. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this meeting and you are encouraged to provide them in writing or discuss them with staff in attendance. Written questions or comments should be directed to Mir Mustafa (IDOT) and placed in the comment box or mailed to the address shown on the comment form and page 2 of this handout.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Introduce the project, the Environmental Assessment (EA) process and the project schedule.
- Kickoff the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) public involvement process.
- Conduct Community Context Survey
- Identify potential Community Advisory Group Members.

The project team realizes individuals living close to the project want to be informed of the possible effects of the project on their homes and businesses. Exact information, however, is not available at this stage of the planning process. More detailed information will be available as the project moves forward so that input from the stakeholders/residents can be incorporated into the project.



PLANNING PROCESS

This Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study will be processed as an Environmental Assessment or EA, following the guidelines set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act, commonly referred to as NEPA. This project's purpose is to describe the potential positive and negative impacts of proposed improvement, alternatives to the project study area, is scheduled to last 40 months, and began in October 2009.



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An Environmental Assessment typically has four parts:

- Determination of the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action.
- Defining the Affected Environment.
- Development of a Range of Alternatives to the proposed action.
- Analysis of the environmental impacts of each of the possible alternatives

The first step in the study process is defining the transportation problem, assessing community issues, and determining the community context. You will be requested to participate in a survey to gather information on community related issues - the Community Context Survey. We encourage your participation in this survey; the information collected will directly influence decisions made on this project.



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

Written comments and opinions may be submitted during the Public Information Meeting or mailed to the address below no later than May 1, 2010, in order to become part of the official Public Meeting Record. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Illinois Department of Transportation Attn: Mir Mustafa 201 West Center Court Schaumburg, Illinois 60196

We're on the web! Please visit the I-55 at Weber Rd. website for project status, updates and ways to get involved:

www.I55atWeber.com

